

Having reviewed RM-10352 in detail, I wish to express my support for this proposal. Due to the width of SSB transmissions, their interference to CW communications is a real issue on the 160 meter band. I've experienced it!

As sunspot levels decrease in the coming years, more people are likely to gravitate to 160 meters, which will increase the likelihood of conflict between SSB and CW users. Limiting SSB transmission to a sub-portion of the band will greatly reduce these conflicts. By the same token, I do not think that specifying an SSB sub-band will significantly impair the use of 160 meters by SSB enthusiasts.

While I'm not fond of over-regulation, it would appear that the definition of sub-bands is a basic premise of amateur radio operation. As such, appropriate sub-bands should be incorporated within FCC regulations, rather than being left to questionable compliance through the use of voluntary bandplans.